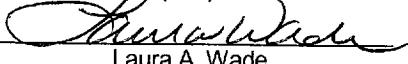


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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Applicants submit the following Preliminary Amendment concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in reply to the Office Action mailed November 27, 2007. In light of the following amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims. A payment of \$930.00 to cover the requisite fees for a one-month extension of time and the RCE that is being submitted electronically concurrently with this response. If this fee is insufficient, or if there are any other charges required for entry of this paper, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct them from Deposit Account 18-1167.